



**TOP AWARD WINNERS** - Pictured above are winners of the top three awards at last week's Sports Banquet at Kings Mountain High. Left to right are Tim Hamrick, Kings Mountain Herald Male Athlete of the Year; Gail and Eddie Herndon, Mountaineer Club's Boosters of the Year; and Anita Ware, Mountaineer Club's Female Athlete of the Year.

## Hamrick, Ware Honored As Top KMHS Athletes

Seniors Tim Hamrick and Anita Ware won the coveted Athletes of the Year awards at the annual Booster's Club All-Sports Banquet Thursday night at the Kings Mountain High cafeteria.

Hamrick, a three-sport athlete who broke the school record for career wrestling victories, won the Kings Mountain Herald Male Athlete of the Year Award. He also won the most outstanding wrestler trophy.

Miss Ware, who also participated in three sports, won the Mountaineer Club's Female Athlete of the Year trophy. She also won the most improved player trophies in girls basketball and girls track.

Hamrick participated in cross country and track, but he excelled in wrestling. In three seasons, he recorded 58 career victories, breaking Chuck Gordon's long-standing record of 56 wins. He made All-Southwestern Conference twice, was SWC tournament champion twice, won two Gaston County Invitational titles, won the Shelby Invitational in 1984, competed in the Regional and State tournaments his junior year and was a State Sectional runner-up this past season.

Ware, who plans to attend Appalachian State University next year, averaged 8 points per game in basketball after averaging only 3.5 points per game halfway through the season. During the second half of the year, she averaged 11 points per game and hit over 80 percent of her free throws. She was also second on the team in rebounding

with 10 per game.

Ware was All-Conference in track and shared the team scoring lead with Charlene Gamble. Ware advanced to the State Regionals in the discus.

Other trophy winners included:

Volleyball: Yvette Moore, most outstanding player. "She was our most consistent server, and when she had a spike, you could count on a point for our team," said Coach Dianna Bridges.

Cross Country: Jimmy Barrett, most outstanding. Barrett recorded more first place finishes than any other player in the conference as he led the Mountaineers to an undefeated regular season.

Girls tennis: Leigh Anne Odell, most outstanding. She played the number one singles position all season long and along with Pat Davis advanced to the State Regionals in doubles. Over a three-year period, she helped lead the KM girls to a 32-7 record and three straight second place finishes in the SWC.

Wrestling: Zack Roseboro, most improved. He won only four matches his junior year but posted 15 victories his senior season and won the conference in his weight division.

Girls basketball: Lisa Moore, coaches award. "She always gave 150 percent and was dedicated and a hard worker," said Coach Bridges. "She was as excited about playing two seconds as she was the whole ballgame. She was always there anytime I needed her."

Sonya McClain, most valuable player. She averaged 19 points per game and hit 50 percent from the field. She led the team in rebounds with 11 per game, and scored 1,155 points for her three-year career. She was all-conference two years in a row. "When we got in a tight situation, all we had to do was feed the ball to Sonya and she'd put it in the basket," Bridges said.

Angel Allen, most outstanding cheerleader. She was a varsity cheerleader for three years. "She's an outstanding young lady. The hours she put in to cheering were limitless," said Coach Pam Goforth.

Boys basketball: Keefer Ballew, coaches award. Ballew was a part-time starter and saw a lot of action coming off the bench for the 15-10 Mountaineers. "He's the type player you want on the team. He's always there when you need him," said Coach Larry Sipe.

Daryl Crocker, most improved player. "I heard a lot of things about him before I came here, but I told him he'd have to prove himself to me," said Coach Sipe. "He proved himself. We couldn't have won 15 games without him."

Lavar Curry, most outstanding player. He led the team in scoring, made all-conference and led the team in nine of 15 statistical categories. "Basketball's a team game, and he was our leader," said Sipe. "In 10 of our 15 games, we trailed late in the game but he never quit."

Girls track: Charlene Gamble, most outstanding player. She tied Anita Ware for the team scoring lead with 56 points and made the All-Conference team.

Boys track: Calvin Stephens. He was all-conference in the shot and discus and qualified for the sectional and regional tournaments in the discus.

Arnold Jordan, most outstanding player. He ran in five events in every meet and led the team in scoring. "He also assumed a very strong leadership role with the team," said Coach Richard Ross.

Golf: Bo Hope, most outstanding. A sophomore, Hope led the Mounties to an eighth place finish in the SWC with an 83.4 stroke average.

Boys tennis: Brad Jones, most outstanding player. Jones played the number one singles position and compiled a 14-4 record. In doubles, he teamed with Jeff Barnette to compile a 20-5 overall record and advance to the State Tournament. Jones and Barnette were the first KMHS players to ever qualify for the state in doubles.

Softball: Tippi Curry, most improved player. She compiled a .500 batting average, scored 21 runs and drove in 14 runs. "I've never coached anybody that showed so much desire and leadership," said Coach Bruce Clark. Curry is being recruited by Wingate College, Clark said.

Pat Davis, most valuable player. She was All-Conference two years in a row at second base. She scored 20 runs this

## Rain Limits Dixie Youth Schedule

Rain limited the schedule of games in Dixie Youth Major League baseball action last week at Deal Street Park.

Only four contests were played, with Kiwanis winning two games, Plonk Oil one and C&C Metal one. Kiwanis defeated Rotary 3-0 and C&C 5-3, Plonk defeated Rotary 7-2 and C&C defeated Rotary 7-1.

Ronnie Carroll hurled a one-hitter Tuesday night to lead Kiwanis over Rotary. The only hit for the losers was a leadoff double by Todd Reynolds in the second inning.

Kiwanis won the game with two runs in the fourth. Steve Johnson's single and Lee McDaniel's double were the big blows in that inning. Johnson led the winners at the plate with 2-for-2.

Chris Plonk hurled a one-hitter to lead Plonk over Rotary. Chris Henson slammed a pair of homers for the winners, Shane Jackson was 3-for-3 and Larry Carroll 2-for-3.

Kiwanis scored five runs in the first inning and went on to defeat C&C 5-3. Shane Sessions started the first inning rally with a leadoff double and Marcus Brooks and Steve Robbins each added a double later in the inning.

Robbins' two-run homer in the fifth accounted for the winning runs. Brooks was the winning pitcher.

Ryan Hollifield, Daniel Honeycutt and Chad Moore had a hit each for the losers.

C&C struck for six runs in the third inning to break a 1-1 tie and defeat Rotary 7-1. Ryan Hollifield had a triple, Chad Moore a double and Daniel

Honeycutt a single during the rally. Honeycutt led the winners with 2-for-2 and was also the

winning pitcher.

Reynolds and Runyans had a hit each for the losers.

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